

REMARKS

Claims 24 and 27-32 (in part) are pending. Claims 23, 25, 26, and 27-32 (in part) have been cancelled as drawn to non-elected inventions. Cancellation of the claims does not affect inventorship. Claims 27-32 have been amended to depend from claim 24. Accordingly, the amendments do not present new matter and entry is proper.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requires Applicants to elect one of the following groups of inventions:

- I. Claims 23, 25, 26 and 27-32 (in part), drawn to a first method of screening for proteins with altered immunogenicity, classified in class 702, subclass 19; and
- II. Claims 24 and 27-32 (in part), drawn to second method of screening for proteins with altered immunogenicity, classified in class 702, subclass 19.

Applicants elect Group II, claims 24, and 27-32 drawn to second method of screening for proteins with altered immunogenicity, without traverse.

Election of Species Requirement

Applicants are required to elect a single disclosed species for:

- A) Type of immunogenic sequence; and,
- B) Type of cleavage motif.

Applicants elect sequences that bind to T cell epitopes for the type of immunogenic sequence for (A) and asparaginyl endopeptidase as the cleavage motif for (B).

Claims 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32 read on the elected species.

This election is made without traverse with the understanding that should allowable subject matter be found, Applicants are entitled to consideration of a generic claim encompassing additional species, such as those disclosed in claims 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32. *See* M.P.E.P. § 806.04(d).

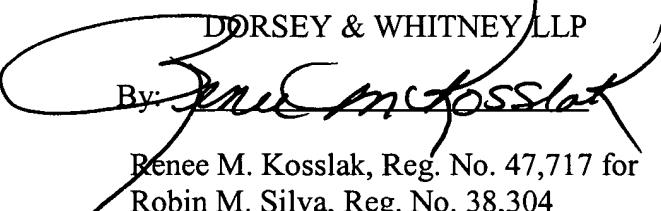
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